



City of Seattle

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor's Office
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FFD / SFD Fire Facilities Levy Working Group
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Fire Facilities Implementation Team

From: Dove Alberg, FFD Capital Programs Director

Subject: July Report for the Fire Facilities and Emergency Response Levy Program

Land Acquisition

The bills that would have authorized purchase of property at the site recommended for Station 20 did not pass at the City Council meeting of July 31st. Work on other land acquisition projects continues. Real Estate Services is still negotiating with the owner of one of the parcels for Fire Station 37 and is evaluating sites for Fire Station 6. Staff is also moving forward on environmental testing for the Fire Station 38 site; reviewing claims from the two business tenants; and making preparations for deposing the property owner and expert witnesses in anticipation of a pre-trial settlement conference in September.

Fire Station 10 Project

Hoffman Construction has nearly completed final excavation and lagging along the Yesler Way wall. The final grade will be at 4th Avenue. Concrete walls are being poured, and the large on-site detention vault in the southwest corner of the site is in place. The work continues to proceed well. All bid packages for exterior and interior construction and concrete site work have been opened.

Joint Training Facility

Classroom instruction is in full swing, and departments are also conducting limited outdoor training on the props. The project team is currently working with regulatory agencies to obtain final acceptance of the conceptual mitigation plan, and design of the water recycling system for fire training is close to 60% complete. Training on the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and operational best management practices is being scheduled to ensure compliance with environmental requirements.

Emergency Caches

Contracting is underway with the low bidder for three sites (Haller Lake, Sunny Jim and Westbridge). The contract for the work the Catherine Blaine Elementary site will be bid separately, and the construction schedule will be coordinated with the school district. Final reviews of the geotechnical report and of the Haller Lake site's methane mitigation design are done, and those documents are ready for submission to DPD once the building design is completed.

Small Fireboat

This month the 50' fast attack boat was delivered to the City, and a press conference and welcoming event was held with the Mayor. Commissioning of the boat commenced and Seattle Fire Department operational training began.

Large Fireboat

All hull modules and main deck house sections were completed and welded together, leaving the pilothouse as the last module remaining to be set. Engines were set, and the shipyard has received most of the fire fighting equipment. Rudders and stern tube fabrication and alignment were started, and outfitting in the pilothouse continued. Boat construction is 55% complete.

Neighborhood Station Program (Fire Stations 2, 17, 28, and 31)

The architectural and engineering design service contract negotiations for Fire Stations 28 (Rainier Valley), 17 (University District) and 31 (Northgate) are complete, and the contract for Fire Station 2 (Belltown) is being negotiated. Project kick-off meetings with the Fire Department station representatives and project design teams for Fire Stations 17, 28, and 31 were held this month. In addition, project managers, Fire Department staff, Facilities Operations staff, and Facility Property Management staff began working with the consultant on a Fire Levy Neighborhood Fire Station Programming manual. The manual will be the universal programming document that will be given to all future design teams.

Work with Other Departments

The Parks Department has installed the generator at the Rainier Beach Community Center, thereby completing the Emergency Power Supply project.

The Fire Department made a few minor changes to the Memorandum of Agreement with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) on use, access, and maintenance of the hardened hydrants and drafting ports and sent the revised document back to SPU for production of the final version and their signature.

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